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PRESS RELEASE

New Windows for a Tearce Primary School

The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project, are investing \$3 million in school renovations across Macedonia. USAID, together with the Municipality of Tearce and the Asdreni Primary School community, marked the installation of new windows at the school with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Primary Education Project has already coordinated renovations at 85 schools in Macedonia. By 2011, they will have worked on renovations at over 100 schools, nearly one-third of the primary schools in Macedonia.

"This project shows what we can accomplish when we work together" said US Embassy Public Affairs Officer, Ryan Rowlands. "The cooperation between the municipality, the school, the parents and students and the United States helped us create a better learning environment that will also save resources."

The renovation component of the Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase the access to and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.